

## RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY AND DEDICATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL ON THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK.

WHEREAS, NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK WILL CELEBRATE THE MEMBERS OF EMERGENCY SERVICE TEAMS FROM MAY 19, 2013 TO MAY 25, 2013, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ESSENTIAL AND LIFESAVING SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TO OUR CITIZENS; AND

THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM CONSISTS OF PARAMEDICS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, EMERGENCY NURSES, EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHERS; AND

THE MEMBERS OF THESE TEAMS CONSIST OF BOTH CAREER AND VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL WHO COLLECTIVELY WORK 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC; AND

WHEREAS, THE STRATEGIC COORDINATION OF THESE STATEWIDE SERVICES ALLOW ALL THE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH TO RECEIVE OUTSTANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTLESS HOURS OF SPECIALIZED AND INTENSIVE TRAINING ALLOW THESE WORKERS TO PERFORM EMERGENCY CARE THAT DRAMATICALLY INCREASES THE SURVIVAL RATES DURING CRISES; AND

RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE INVALUABLE AND VITAL SERVICE THAT EMERGENCY WHEREAS, SERVICE PERSONNEL PROVIDE TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO THE NATION; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE BRAVERY AND DEDICATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL ON THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO JAMIE PIANKA, DIRECTOR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

> ADOPTED, MAY 22, 2013. SENATE

THERESE MURRAY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

CLERK OF

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, MAY 22, 2013.

ROBERT A. DeLEO

PEAKER OF THE HOUSE

CLERK HOUSE

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SENATOR JOHN KEENAN

